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BEGIN TEXT:

DRAFT DECLARATION OF MINISTERS

1. MINISTERS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE OECD MEETING
IN PARIS ON 23RD JUNE, 1977 DISCUSSED THEIR RELATIONS
WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE LONGER TERM ORIENTA-
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TION OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION.

2. MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE CIEC WAS AN IMPORTANT
PHASE IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT, WHILE IT HAD NOT
BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SOME IMPORTANT
TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, THERE HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE

AND EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION AND PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF EXISTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE OECD, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CIEC, JOINED TOGETHER IN ENDORSING THE AGREEMENTS THAT WERE REACHED THERE. THEY WELCOMED THE INTENTION OF SOME OECD MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE CONFERENCE, TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH A SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED AT THAT CONFERENCE.

3. LOOKING AHEAD, THEY AGREED THAT FURTHER EFFORTS WERE NEEDED ON THE PART OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, ONE WHICH WOULD CREATE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE. RECALLING THEIR DECLARATION OF 28TH MAY, 1975, MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO PURSUE THE ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA AND TO CO-OPERATE IN SOLVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY STRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE MEANINGFUL CO-OPERATION ON ENERGY WITH COUNTRIES MOST CONCERNED AND ORGANIZATIONS PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH CO-OPERATION.

4. NOTING THAT PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION HAD BEEN MADE, MINISTERS ACKNOWLEDGED THE NECESSITY TO

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-CONTINUE WORKING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOWARDS IMPROVED AND MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION POLICIES. THEY AFFIRMED THAT WHILE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION CONCERNED RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, ITS OBJECTIVE WAS THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS; DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION SHOULD THEREFORE FULFIL THE DUAL PURPOSES OF GROWTH OF INCOMES AND MEETING BASIC NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS IN ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY STRESSED THAT DEVELOPMENT POLICIES FOR TRANSFERS OF RESOURCES AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES SHOULD BE CLEARLY DIRECTED TO THESE PURPOSES. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICY CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION WOULD BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLES OF INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. MINISTERS OF OECD COUNTRIES, DONORS OF AID, REAFFIRMED THE INTENTION OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT
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AND ANNOUNCED THEIR DETERMINATION TO DIRECT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, A PROGRESSIVELY LARGER SHARE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO PROGRAMMES MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. TO REALIZE THIS NEW ORIENTATION WITH RESPECT TO ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THEY ALSO AGREED TO REVIEW THE SCOPE AND DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING GREATER VOLUME AND MORE EFFICIENCY IN ITS USE IN AN ENLARGED INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.

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